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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Schwarz, Eugen, et. al.

Examiner: TSOY, Elena

Serial No.: 10/009,487

Group Art Unit: 1762

Filed: 12/13/01

Title: SPRAY-DRYING INSTALLATION AND A METHOD FOR USING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 17, 2003, please consider the remarks that follow.

REMARKS

Applicants elect with traverse claims 10-17 of Group II, drawn to a spray-drying plant. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the basis that the Examiner has not established that examining all of the claimed features in the application would constitute a serious burden.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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